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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 01100

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PGOV, MASS, ASEC, CASC, PREL, VE
SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED COUP, MESSAGE NO 5, 0615, 2/4/92

REF: CARACAS 01097 AND PREVIOUS, NOTAL

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. REBELS MILITARY REPORTEDLY CONTROL THE LA CARLOTA
AIRFIELD IN EAST-CENTRAL CARACAS (NEAR THE EMBASSY).
NAVATT AND MILGROUP HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY GOV SOURCES,
ABOUT 0600, THAT A MAJOR FIGHT WAS ANTICIPATED AS LOYAL

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FORCES MOVE TO RECAPTURE LA CARLOTA IN THE NEXT FEW
HOURS. THIS IS REGARDED AS CRUCIAL, TO PREVENT THE REBELS
FROM USING IT AS A STAGING AREA.

3. WEAPONS FIRE CONTINUES, OCCASIONALLY HEAVY, BETWEEN
THE EMBASSY AND LA CARLOTA. AN EMBASSY FSN WHO CAME IN
EARLY TO WORK SAW DOZENS OF ABANDONED CARS ON THE EAST
SIDE OF THE CARACAS HIGHWAY, NEAR LA CARLOTA. A POLOFF
SAW MUZZLE-FLASHES IN THE STREET, TWO BLOCKS FROM THE
EMBASSY, AT 0600. AT 0610, A LARGE EXPLOSION WAS AUDIBLE
FROM EMBASSY.

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4. AM AMERICAN SECRETARY WHO LIVES AT THE RESIDENCIAS LA FLORESTA APARTMENT COMPLEX (THREE BLOCKS FROM THE EMBASSY) REPORTED AT 0620 THAT SHE HAD OBSERVED A TANK, FIRING TOWARD LA CARLOTA, AND HEAVY SNIPER FIRE. ANOTHER EMBASSY EMPLOYEE ALSO CALLED FROM LA FLORESTA, TO REPORT THAT A TANK HAD RAMMED THE WALL SURROUNDING THE APARTMENT COMPLEX.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL GOV FORCES TO PROTECT THE CHANCERY COMPOUND AND TO SECURE THE LA FLORESTA APARTMENTS. EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AT LA FLORESTA HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND TOLD TO OBSERVE SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND NOT TO LEAVE THEIR RESIDENCES.

6. THE TWO MISSING AMCITS (REFTELS) HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT, ARE SAFE AND AT LIBERTY. SKOL

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